Docket No. 4947-0086-

IN RE APPLICATION OF Toshihisa SARUTA, et al

SERIAL NO: 09/432,272

FILED:

November 2, 1999

FOR:

INK CARTRIDGE AND PRINTER USING THE SAME

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

- □ No additional fee is required
- □ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- Additional documents filed herewith:

Marked-up Copy of Amendment

The Fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS	CLAIMS REMAINING		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID	NO. EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	· CALCULATIONS
TOTAL	250	MINUS	189	61	× \$18 =	\$1,098.00
INDEPENDENT	11	MINUS	11	0	× \$84 =	\$0.00
		□ MUL	TIPLE DEPENDENT	CLAIMS	+ \$280 =	\$0.00
			TOTAL OF A	BOVE CALCU	JLATIONS	\$1,098.00
		□ Reduction by 50% for filing by Small Entity				\$0.00
		□ Recor	dation of Assignment		+ \$40 =	\$0.00
		,	•		TOTAL	\$1,098.00

- A check in the amount of \$1,098.00 is attached.
- Please charge any additional Fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
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FOR: INK CARTRIDGE AND

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to consideration of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 10, 21, and 22 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 1, 11, 12, 15, 23-26, 35, 45, 47, 54, 72, 73, and 78 are amended as follows:

(Once Amended) An ink cartridge configured to be detachably attached to a printer, said ink cartridge comprising:

an ink reservoir in which an ink used for printing is kept; and

a storage unit storing specific information in a readable, writable, and non-volatile manner, wherein the specific information comprises an ink quantity-relating information relating to a quantity of ink kept in said ink reservoir,